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In re application of: Koji ODAN et al.

Application No: 10/596,243

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For: **METHOD OF CONVERTING β -1, 4-GLUCAN TO α -GLUCAN**

Examiner: Susan Marie Hanley

Art Unit: 1651

Confirmation No: 4126

MAIL STOP Amendment
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION DATED MARCH 18, 2009

Sir:

Favorable reconsideration of the above-identified application is respectfully
requested in view of the following amendments and comments.